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Applicants: David Tomanek, et al.
Group Art Unit: 3626
Examiner: James R. Brittain
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Reply To Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2002 for which the 3-month shortened statutory period is set to expire December 5, 2002. With a one-month extension, reply is timely on or before January 6, 2003, because January 5 is a Sunday.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9, 14, 30, 37, 38, 43, 52-56, 59, 60, and 66. Please amend claims 1,

24, 35, and 57. A clean version is offered below and a marked-up version showing the changes

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